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Berne, September 6.

THE Reports about the Contagious Diſtemper at Marſeilles have ſo allarmed Italy, that the Governments of Milan and Venice have not only forbidden all Commerce with France, but likewiſe with Geneva, and the Pays de Vaud which is Part of this Canton. The Letters written to this State from Milan, to notify this Order, are of the 23d of laſt Month: But we have received from Geneva the Copy of a Letter dated from Aix in Provence, dated the 26th of Auguſt, which being known to come from a good Hand, was read in the Council of Geneva the 3d Inſtant, and tranſmitted hither as the ſureſt Relation that has yet come of that Calamity; which Letter gives us Hopes that it is decreaſing, and may ſhortly be over. In the mean Time all poſſible Precautions are taken at Geneva and in theſe Parts, with Regard to Perſons and Goods coming from France. The ſaid Letter relates, 'That by the freſheſt Accounts from Marſeilles it 'appeared, that the Sickneſs there had raged with 'great Violence, and particularly on the 19th 'and 20th of Auguſt carried off above 800 Perſons: 'That this great Mortality on thoſe two Days was 'occaſioned by the letting ſeveral dead Bodies lie 'in the Streets ſome Days unburied, which had in-'creaſed the Infection: But that better Order ha-'ving been ſince ſettled, and due Care taken to 'bury the Dead ſpeedily in Pits and to cover them 'over with Chalk, to put the Sick into Barracks built 'in the Mall, to give them Emetick Wine, and 'to oblige the Sound to incamp on the Plain 'of St. Michael, the Diſtemper had very much a-'bated. Our Advices from Geneva of the 3d Inſtant add, that the Letters from Lyons, Grenoble, and Montpelier, confirmed what is contained in the ſaid Letter from Aix.

Whitehall, Sept. 8, 1720.

Their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices in Council having received certain Information, that ſeveral Numbers of Men in a tumultuous and forcible manner do import into England great Quantities of Prohibited and Uncuſtomed Goods; for preventing ſuch illegal Practiſes, as much as may be, and for the better inforcing the Laws relating thereto, the Right Honourable the Lords of the Privy Council have, by Direction of their Excellencies, wrote Letters to the Cuſtodes Rotulorum, and to the Sheriffs of all the Maritime Counties in England and Wales, requiring them to take due Care to prevent and ſuppreſs ſuch tumultuous Aſſemblies, and to be aiding and aſſiſting to the Officers of the Cuſtoms in the due Execution of their Duty, as Occaſion may require.

Whitehall, Sept. 8, 1720.

It is the Lords Juſtices expreſs Pleaſure, that all the Officers belonging to the Regiments at Port Mahon and Gibraltar, as well as all the Officers of the ſaid Garriſons, do immediately proceed to their reſpective Poſts and Commands, notwithſtanding any Leave of Abſence formerly obtained, as they will anſwer the contrary at their Peril.

Geo. Treby.

Admiralty-Office, Sept. 8, 1720.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty do hereby give Notice, that the Men who belonged to the Royal Oak at Chatham, are to be removed into the Naſſau there, and that the Wages due to them in the Royal Oak will be paid them on board the Naſſau at the Nore, and therefore it is their Lordſhip's Directions, that they do immediately repair to their Duty, otherwiſe they will not only forfeit the Wages due to them, but be proceeded againſt as Deſerters.

Admiralty-Office, Sept. 8, 1720.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty are pleaſed to direct, that the Men abſent from His Majeſty's Ships Ipſwich, Lyon, Windſor, and Panther at Portſmouth, and from the Deptford at Sheerneſs, do immediately repair to their Duty on board the ſaid Ships, otherwiſe they will not only forfeit the Wages due to them, but be proceeded againſt as Deſerters.

Navy-Office, Sept. 7, 1720.

This is to give Notice, that the worſhipful the Governours of the Cheſt at Chatham will pay all the Arrears due to the Penſioners belonging to that Charity to Lady-Day laſt: And that the ſaid Pay will begin on Tueſday the 8th of November 1720, at the Hall-Houſe at Chatham.

General-Poſt-Office, London, Sept 5, 1720.

Whereas the Briſtol Mail diſpatched from thence on Saturday the 3d Inſtant, was laſt Night between 11 and 12 a-Clock robbed upon the Road between Hartſhatch and Maidenhead, by one Highwayman, who took ſeveral Letters out of the Bath and Briſtol Bags: Theſe are therefore to give Notice, that whoever apprehends the ſaid Perſon concerned in this Robbery, ſo as to have him convicted of the ſame, ſhall receive a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to be paid by the Receiver General of the Poſt-Office in London, over and above the Reward directed by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen. N. B. The Perſon who committed this Robbery was mounted on a black Horſe.

The Court of Directors of the South Sea Company give Notice, That the Dividends for Chriſtmas next and afterwards, voted by the General Court of the ſaid Company on the 8th Inſtant, which ſhall become due on the four Money Subſcriptions already taken for Sale of the Stock of the ſaid Company, will be allowed in part of the Payments which ſhall become due on the ſaid Subſcriptions; and that the 10 per Cent. Stock for the laſt Midſummer Dividend, on the firſt, ſecond, and third of the ſaid Money Subſcriptions, will be intitled to the like Dividends, and be allowed in further part of the ſaid Payments on thoſe Subſcriptions. And whereas the Tranſfer-Books of the ſaid Company was advertiſed to be ſhut from and after Wedneſday the 31ſt of Auguſt laſt to Wedneſday the 21ſt of September Inſtant, in order to the making the Subſcription of 20 per Cent. intended for the Proprietors, and the General Court having ſince agreed that the ſaid Subſcription be omitted, the ſaid Court of Directors give Notice, that the Tranſfer-Books of the ſaid Company will be opened on Monday the 12th Inſtant, and continue open as uſual.

Advertiſements.

The preſent State of Europe, containing an Hiſtorical and Political Account of the Intereſts, Pretenſions, and Tranſactions of the ſeveral Courts: For the Month of Auguſt, 1720 Vol. 31. To be continued Monthly from the Original Publiſhed at the Hague. Printed for H. Rhodes, at the Corner of Pride-lane in Fleet-ſtreet, and the Aſſigns of Eliz. Harris.

RUN away, on Friday the 26th of Auguſt laſt, from the Duke of Somerſet's Houſe near Charing-Croſs, Mr. Abraham Cowley, lately taken in the Station of Gentleman of the Horſe; he is a little Man, about 30 Years of Age, wears commonly a fair bob Periwig, and grey Stuff Coat with black Buttons; he having carried away ſeveral Sums of Money that has been impreſſed to him to pay Tradeſmens and other Bills on his Grace's Account; whoever apprehends and brings him to his Grace's Houſe in London, ſhall be well rewarded.

WHereas one Robert Knott, a Yorkſhire Man, of a middle Size, a ruddy pock frecten Face, dark Eyes and Eye-brows, wearing ſometimes a light bob Wig, and ſometimes a very black one, rides a dun Horſe 14 Hands and a half high, full aged, with a black Tail, black Main and Tail, and one white Foot behind, went out of Taviſtock in Devon, the 26th of Auguſt laſt with the ſaid Horſe, and a conſiderable Sum of Money, being the Horſe and Money of a Gentlemen of Briſtol, and is gone off with them: Whoever ſhall apprehend and ſecure the ſaid Robert Knott, ſo as he may be proceeded againſt according to Law, and ſhall give Notice thereof to Mr. John Merewether, at Mr. Hudgebout's in Bell-Alley, Coleman-ſtreet, London, or to Mr. Thomas Oldfield, in Briſtol, ſhall receive 40 Guineas Reward, with reaſonable Charges; or, if the ſaid Knott will voluntarily return with the ſaid Horſe, he ſhall be kindly received.

THE Truſtees appointed by an Act of Parliament to diſcharge Sir Alexander Rigby from his Impriſonment, and veſt his Eſtate and Effects in Truſtees for his Creditors, intend to meet on the 12th of October next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and pay Contribution-Money.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt Richard Kennaway, late of the City of Exon, Chandler, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 22d and 23d Inſtant, and on the 20th of October next, at Two in the Afternoon, at Lewis Jones's Coffee-Houſe in the City of Exon, at the firſt of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuſe Aſſignees.

Whereas